

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION est. 1939

March 2000 Newsletter

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Yellow Crocus Greetings!

For although there are pockets of snow here and there, I saw a cheery yellow crocus yesterday! Spring is almost here! So--spring into action and come to our next meeting, Monday, March 20, 7:30 pm at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church. Program Chairwoman Debbie Tittle has arranged for watercolorist Ludlow Thorston to demonstrate. I can tell you that you're in for a good time--about 25 years ago (ouch but time flies when you're having fun) I started taking watercolor with Lud--and really enjoyed it. You'll enjoy his demo! And you'll learn a lot, too!

It's BIG APPLE time. Debbie Hughes is our Chairwoman (thanks, Debbie!); the trip is Saturday, April 29th, meeting at the Somerset County Library's upper parking lot (near the Vo-Tech School) at 8:45 am, our bus will drop us right at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (about 10). About 2 the bus will take us downtown, to the Forbes Museum and to the AWS show at the Salmagundi Club. We leave New York City 5ish, to arrive back at the library 6ish. All this chauffeuring us around for only \$22. made out to RVAA and mailed to Debbie at 255 Falmouth Place, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. Mail ASAP as there are only 40 seats on the bus. Questions? Debbie's at 908/575-5442. This is ALWAYS a really TERRIFIC trip.

Oh, My! Our Holiday Show at the library took in \$3,760. which was our best year to date. By now you all have your checks from Treasurer Marian Cornwell who's done a fantastic job of keeping us financially viable. Thank you, Marian! Half of those who were in the show sold work; the paintings ranged in price from \$15. to \$475., but the majority of work sold was in the \$35.--\$65. price range. Spectacular results, especially considering about 200 works went up Dec. 1, down the 5th (library closed for construction, as you know); then up Dec.20th and down the end of January. So the library will receive \$376. as their commission.

Help! Lynne Bigge has been working diligently to have this Newsletter printed out, and then she does the labels and mails them out, but she is really unable to do this much longer. So we are in need of someone who perhaps can run the address labels off their computer (we have the disk), have copies of the Newsletter made at Office Max or wherever, and then mail

them off. Please call our President Linda Arnold 647-3610 if you can help.

At our last meeting workshops were discussed and it looks as though RVAA will sponsor several, by Ruth Wilson (in the fall), Debbie Tintle, and your editor (June). More on this Monday, March 20 (and April's Newsletter).

From RVAA member Ellen Faber comes another opportunity to exhibit. This is at the "Coffee and More" Cafe, on Rt. 206 in the Edwards store shopping center. A good-sized wall for 12-14 rather large works (or more if small) is available and you can pretty much hang them the way you wish. The contact person at "Coffee and More" is Laura Stoffel, 908/431-1096. Ellen has exhibited there a couple of times; Ellen's at 908/359-4331.

The Art Museum, Princeton University, in addition to their permanent exhibits, is also featuring "Flora & Fauna in Chinese Painting" through July 30, 2000, the "Dawn of Maya Kings: An Exhibition of an Early Maya Stela" through May 6, and photographs by Barbara Bosworth through June 18. "A Window into Collecting American Folk Art" is through June 18th. The museum, with free admission, is on Princeton grounds--609/258-3763.

The Essex Watercolor Club is soliciting applications from watercolor artists who wish to be considered as a Program Demonstrator during the Club's 2000/2001 season. The Club meets in Livingston on the 2nd Sunday of Sept-Dec and March-May at 2 pm. Please forward resume & fee requirement to DH Nathan, Program Chairperson, Essex Watercolor Club, 17 Townsend Drive, Florham Park, NJ, 07932.

#### MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

ELLEN FABER recently finished a one-woman show at the "Coffee and More" Cafe. Ellen will be exhibiting her work April 9th & 10th as part of of the Watercolorists Unlimited show at the Blackwells Mill Canal House in Blackwells Mills on Canal Road (a charming enclave of historic buildings and scenery about 2 mi. down River Rd from Millstone and then to Canal Road).

SYLVIA MARIA GLESMANN had a watercolor accepted into the juried show "Salmagundi Club 2000" in New York City and as part of the National Association of Women Artists she contributed a small painting about women and art which will be shown in the NAWA exhibit in Baltimore and other places. SYLVIA, SONJA WEIR, and DIANA PATTON were just in the invitational show at the Barron Art Center "Who I Am!"

CONNIE GRAY and Diana PATTON will have a two-woman show for the

month of April at The 1860 House, Montgomery Road (just off 206 S. past Belle Mead) with an opening reception Sunday afternoon April 2 from 2-4)

CORINNE KENNEY has recently moved to Aiken, South Carolina (422 S. Boundary Ave. S.W., Aiken, 29601). We'll miss Corinne's warmth and her handsome watercolors! (but when warmer climes beckon, they beckon with a will!)

ELEANOR MOREHOUSE has been invited to exhibit her oil paintings and prints in a one-woman show at American Cyanamid Research Center, Clarksville Road, Princeton, for the months of March and April. Ellie has also been invited by the Westfield Art Gallery to be part of a fund raiser for the NJ Workshop of the Arts; the event will be held March 26th at the Summit Hotel, Summit.

DIANA PATTON was awarded the Grumbacher Gold Medal at the Essex Watercolor Club annual Members Exhibit in Chatham. Diana and RVAA members GAY BILLICH and CAROL STAUB are presently exhibiting, to April 15th, at the Somerset County & Cultural Commission Gallery in the Court Administration Building, Grove St., Somerville (next to the Somerset Hotel). All are invited to an to a demo & chat session with the artists noon-2 on Wednesday, March 29th.

LINDA TAFFE was awarded the American Artists Award of Excellence at the Essex Watercolor Club annual Members Exhibit in Chatham. The show ran through February 2000. (Ed. note--this was 2nd highest award in the show, just under the Best in Show)

We hope you caught the Somerset Art Association's Members' Juried Exhibit 2000. It was not only varied and colorful, but a number of RVAA members had their work juried in: LINDA ARNOLD, MARGE BRAUN, JO COUDERT, ELSA HERRMANN, DIANA PATTON, RUTH WILSON, DOROTHY VARRONE, and MARY ANN VACCARO.

Please keep the cards and letters coming! See you on the 20th.